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HERSETH SANDLIN ANNOUNCES \$499,998 GRANT FOR THE LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE TO COMBAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND GANGS

Washington, DC {September 21, 2009}- Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin announced \$499,998 in federal funding for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to implement the Woap'e Te'ca (New Hope) program to help combat an increasing juvenile delinquency problem and tribal youth gang involvement.

"The increase in juvenile delinquency and gang-related violence amongst youth in Indian Country is alarming," Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. "This funding will assist the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in its efforts to keep gang activity out of its communities and improve public safety."

Administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, this funding helps to fulfill five goals of the Woap'e Te'ca program: hire two full-time community-based probation officers; provide outreach services to youth, families and the community develop or use a culturally appropriate individual risk/needs assessment; provide case management, service referrals and coordinated service delivery; and increase cultural identity and community affiliation among youth at risk.

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